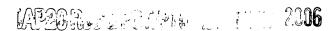
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CLAIMS

1. A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

a positive electrode (1) including a positive electrode active material layer;

a negative electrode (2) including a negative electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5) substantially constituted of only a solvent and a solute; and

a conducting material, contained in said positive electrode active material layer and constituted of at least one non-carbon material selected from a group consisting of nitrides, carbides and borides, having particles of at least 0.2 μ m and not more than 5 μ m in average diameter easily dispersed into said positive electrode active material layer, wherein

a positive electrode active material constituting said positive electrode active material layer has a layered rock salt structure, and

the filling density of said positive electrode active material layer is at least $4.0~\mathrm{g/ml}$.

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3. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according

to claim 1, wherein said positive electrode active material having a layered rock salt structure is constituted of a material containing at least either cobalt or nickel.

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- 4. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1 or 3, wherein said conducting material includes a metal nitride.
- 10 5. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 4, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride (ZrN or Zr_3N_2).
- 6. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 5, wherein said zirconium nitride constituting said conducting material is contained in said positive electrode active material layer with a content of at least 1 mass % and not more than 20 mass %.
- 7. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1 or 3, wherein said conducting material includes a metal carbide.
- 8. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 7, wherein said metal carbide includes tungsten carbide.

- 9. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 7, wherein said metal carbide includes tantalum carbide.
- The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claimwherein said metal carbide includes zirconium carbide.
 - 11. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to any of claim 1 and claims 3 to 10, further comprising a binder,
- 10 contained in said positive electrode active material layer, including polymer fluoride.
 - 12. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 11, wherein said polymer fluoride includes polyvinylidene fluoride.
 - 13. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 11 or 12, wherein said positive electrode is cylindrically or angularly formed.

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